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Ladies' Fine Quality Velvet Hats,
Ladies' Fine Quality Plush Hats,
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Ladies' Fine Quality Cotton Hats,
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Ladies' Fine Quality Flax Caps,
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G. & H. McMILLAN.
April 17, 1848.

SPRING, 1848.

Rich Dress Goods.

JUST received by the last arrivals from the Northern Cities a large and general assortment of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS.

Rich Watered Silks and Satins, viz: Plaid and Striped Poult de Soies, Rich Brocade Satins, Watered Poult de Soies, Rich Striped Gros de Rhine, French Lawns and Muslins, Book Muslins and Jaconet Lawns of all qualities, Rich Worsted and Silk Grenadines, Silk and Worsted Bareges, Rich Silk and Worsted Shades, Silk and Worsted Plaids, Rich Silk Poplins, Rich Striped Silk Poplins, Rich Striped Silk Grenadines, Rich Striped Silk Bareges, Rich Striped Silk Gauzes, Rich Striped Silk Tissues, Rich Striped Silk Organdies, Rich Striped Silk Muslins, Rich Striped Silk Lawns, Rich Striped Silk Jaconets, Rich Striped Silk Barege de Chevres, Rich Striped Silk Barege de Laines, Rich Striped Silk Barege Antiques, Rich Striped Silk Barege Organdies, Rich Striped Silk Barege Muslins, Rich Striped Silk Barege Lawns, Rich Striped Silk Barege Jaconets, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege de Chevres, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege de Laines, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege Antiques, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege Organdies, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege Muslins, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege Lawns, Rich Striped Silk Barege Barege Jaconets.

Also, a full assortment of Ladies' Dress Goods, consisting in part of Rich Striped Silk Bareges

always resort as their guardians. Besides, Messrs. Lester and Houston have an unlucky way of telling somewhat more than always sheds probability on their own stories; and in this instance, they themselves admit that it was while living as a clerk in a "store" in Knoxville, that the young gentleman thus sought to recover that estimable state of society.

"Where wild in woods the lordly savage runs."

From his parentage, let us descend to what Mr. Lester (by courtesy, no doubt) calls "his education." The following extract will show:

"It is a matter of some interest to inquire, what were the means of education offered to this Virginia boy. We have learned from all quarters, that he never could be got into a school-house till he was eight years old, nor can we learn that he ever accomplished much in a literary way after he did enter. * * * He is said, however, to have learned to read and write—to have gained some imperfect ideas of cyphering. * * * But it is doubtful if he ever went to such a school more than six months in all, till the death of his father, which took place when he was thirteen years old."

The further history of the family, until they fix themselves in new seats, is recounted with a Lesterian beauty, which is particularly glowing near the close of the first of the three ensuing paragraphs.

"Mrs Houston was left with the heavy burden of a numerous family. She had six sons and three daughters. But she was not a woman to succumb to misfortune, and she immediately sold out the homestead and prepared to cross the Alleghany Mountains, and find a new home on the fertile banks of the Tennessee river. * * * *

"Fired then with the same heroic spirit which first led them to try the woods, our daring little party stopped not till they reached the limits of the emigration of those days. They halted eight miles from the Tennessee river, which was then the boundary between white men and the Cherokee Indians.

Here, according to what is probable, as well as what is asserted by the hero through his deft secretary, the family set to work to "clear" fields, in order to make themselves corn. * * * * *

To corn-making, then, along with the rest, it is averred that Master Houston fell. Very greatly do we doubt the fact; for, through whatever legend is sung to us about his aversion to school, his heroic determination to learn Latin and Greek or to learn nothing, the tyranny of his brothers, his repugnance to the counter, and finally his escape to the happiness of aboriginal freedom from which he only recurs to civilization when he has become nakeder than the supine savage himself likes to be, we see, or think we see, the honest, homely, familiar truth; namely, that Sam's was a case of what Dryden calls "a lasting make, like that of thoughtless men;" unapt of brain and exacdoating of body, so that he could not learn, yet would not work; and had, in short, the "strong nativity" of early worthlessness, and incurable distaste for exertion and therefore for obedience (because they who obey must work and make themselves useful); and a fixed aversion to honest acts and respectable habits. Everybody perfectly comprehends the real moral of fables like those with which these ingenious historians would amuse us; no soul so simple as not to see through such strong symptoms of the scamp, the "young loafer," and as for all the fabulal presently to come, about a man's running away from a decent home, in order to consort with Indians, all the world understands entirely *that* phenomenon—knows that it never occurs except with men whom not the pretended *romance* of savage life (heard of only in the foolish books of a few Frenchmen) has attracted, but the mere license of living unshaved by decency, unfettered by law, disenthralled of every duty, an almost irresponsible outcast even in the savage society upon which one has thrown himself. The maturer manners of Mr. Houston are a little too ingenious for anybody not to conceive the happiness which frequently led him to *Indulgence* himself. * * * *

The family had settled, it will be recollected, upon the very selvage of civilization—within eight miles of the Indian border. All the world knows what such a frontier is; that the advanced guard of the better race and the rearguard of barbarism are, morally, of much the same materials; that opposite principles mix and accost there, in a sort of twilight, what the French call *ni chien ni loup*—"neither dog nor wolf;" it is not day, it is not even honest night; but whatever is worst in either, mingles. Here, contest had ceased, arms were at an end; it was no longer the bold pioneer thrusting back, with superior arms and more regular valor, the Indian brave; but peace had intervened, and the white man's whiskey, and the white man's fraud, were finishing, upon the dispirited and debased savage of the confines, the work of destruction. At such a time, the barbarians on either side are distinguishable by little but the color of the skin; refugees from the retreating manners on the one side and from the advancing authorities on the other, swarm upon the debatable ground. Such was, necessarily, the position of things; yet evidently it was too good for the future Texan revolutionist. There was too much law on his side of the border, he must get to the other. Accordingly, the next events of his career are the following:

"His elder brothers seem to have crossed his wishes successfully, and by a sort of fraternal tyranny quite common, exercised over him some severe restraints. At last they compelled him to go into a merchant's store, and stand behind the counter. This kind of life he had little relish for, and he suddenly disappeared. A great search was made for him, but he was nowhere to be found for several weeks. At last intelligence reached the family that Sam had crossed the Tennessee river, and gone to live among the Indians, where, from all accounts, he seemed to be living much more to his liking. They found him and began to question him on the motives for this novel proceeding.—Sam was now, although so very young, nearly six feet high, and standing straight as an Indian. He coolly replied that 'he preferred measuring deer tracks to tape—that he liked the wild liberty of the red man better than the tyranny of his own brothers, and if he could not study Latin in the academy, he could, at least, read a translation from the Greek in the woods, and read it in peace.'

So they could go home as soon as they liked.

"His family, however, thinking this a freak from which he would soon recover when he got tired of the Indians, gave themselves no uneasiness about him. But week after week passed a way, and Sam did not make his appearance. At last his clothes were worn out, and he returned to be refitted. He was kindly received by his mother, and for a while his brothers treated him with due propriety. But the first act of tyranny they showed drove him to the woods again, where he passed eighteen months with his Indian mates, crossing the deer through the forest with a dexterous little smirt of their own, engaging in all those gay sports of the happy Indian boys, and wandering along the banks of the streams by the side of some Indian maiden, sheltered by the deep woods, conversing in that universal language which finds its sure way to the heart. From a strange source we have learned much of his Indian history during these three or four years, and it, the absence of

must have been his occupations. It was the moulding period of life, when the heart, just charmed into the fevered hopes and dreams of youth, looks wistfully around on all things for light and beauty—"when every idea of gratification fires the blood and flashes on the fancy—when the heart is vacant to every fresh form of delight, and has no rival engagements to withdraw it from the importunities of a new desire." The poets of Europe, in fancying such scenes, have borrowed their sweetest images from the wild idolatry of the Indian maiden. Houston has since seen nearly all there is in life to live for, and yet he has been heard to say that, as he looks back over the waste of life, there's nothing half so sweet to remember as this sojourn he made among the untutored children of the forest.

"And yet this running wild among the Indians, sleeping on the ground, chasing wild game, making love to Indian maidens, and reading Homer's Iliad withal, seemed a pretty strange business and people used to say that Sam Houston would either be a great Indian chief, or die in the mad house, or be Governor of the State—for it was certain that some dreadful thing would overtake him!"

Oh! the dear, delightful visionary, who goes sentimentalizing among squaws and scalps, and for two years finds the Golden Age amongst an Indian horde! The romantic Houston, then, only ran away, after all, to play Celadon among the Choctaws, to seek Chickasaw Amaryllises, an Arcadian innocence among the Kickapoos! How pleasant a system this, of turning man's turpitudes into glories! But really, Messrs. Houston and Lester! if you have imposed upon yourselves with such a version of facts as this, you are more easily taken in than anybody else will be. Since the time of Rousseau's gymnosophists, his sages in a state of Nature, his politeness and virtue gotten by going naked, nobody believes in such drivelling as you have just favored us with. People have quite ceased nowadays to mix up pastorals with tomahawks, and to figure to themselves any very nice romance among tribes that burn each other at the stake. Possibly, in his exceeding shallowness, Mr. Lester may credit such paltry fictions, but his principal cannot: for he, bred upon the frontier, knows perfectly well that there, with the *Real* before men's eyes—the vices, the degradation, the drunkenness, the filth, the fleas, the hideous squaw, her ugly little wretch of a papoose, and all that is at once miserable and revolting in Indian life—neither he nor anybody else, face to face with it, ever entertained, for one instant, any of the egregious ideas which Master Houston is now pretended to have attached to it. The extreme only of Lester's folly and his hero's impudence could have attempted to palm upon the world so gross a fabrication.

One thing there is, however, of quite artful in the *Housecarls*, the epic of quarrels at home and running away is relieved, now by the didactic of swearing he'll learn no more,* now by the romance of sheeping state," and now by the pastoral of courting squaws in the woods; so that there is a charming diversity of incident, one is startled, at every step, with an event the very last that anybody's fancy could have conjectured. Such a one is the next that arrives. Sam gets tired of the Indians, or the Indians of Sam; and the turns—what would our readers suppose? But as we will not be cruel and put them upon the useless task of guessing. We will explain. Sam, it will be remembered, had—Mr. Lester avows—had, in all, six months of instruction, before the migration of his mother to East Tennessee; there, he went to an academy "for a while"—a very brief while, so far as intimations of the period can be collected from Sam's own story; but disgusted, presently, by his pedagogue's refusing to indue a mighty Hellenist, a profound Greek of him, Sam attests all the Internal Powers of Night and blackest Erebus, in a huge Homeric oath. (for Sam swore always in a style the most Homeric.) *that he will learn nothing more.* In this just, this fervid, this enlightened resolution, he seems, through all the intellectual tribulations and temptations of selling taps for some months and of turning regular savage for some years, to have persevered: for his biographer—or rather himself—avers that his oath was "kept most sacredly." † What, then, more fit, more natural, or even more necessary, than that a genius so endowed by Nature, and so perfected by study, should at length cease to withhold from mankind the vast accumulations of his wisdom! What wonder, in brief, that one so made to be the enlightener of his country should at last (As Halleck says of the Highlanders:)

Put on pantaloons and coat,
And leave off cattle-stealing.

as also actually set up school-keeping! 'Tis true that the erudite Sam had, in a literary huff, bound himself, under vast imprecations, to remain forever in all the gloomy grandeur of magnanimous ignorance, illiterate and sublime, a self-devoted dunce: but what then? He had sworn for himself, not for others, and to be eternally a blockhead, but by no means that he would not establish a minor university of his own. So, as we have said, and as opened an academy of his own. We have seen, thus far, how invincible was his partiality for ease, bodily and mental: 'twas this, no doubt, that invited him to the new vocation; for what easier life could man desire than merely to teach all that Sam Houston could pretend to know? Let Mr. Lester, however, tell the thing in his own inimitable way.

"This wild life among the Indians lasted till his eighteenth year. He had, during his visits once or twice a year to his family, to be refitted in his dress, purchased many little articles of taste or utility to use among the Indians. In this manner he had incurred a debt which he was bound in honor to pay. To meet this engagement, he had no other resource left but to abandon his 'dusky companions,' and teach the children of pale faces. As may naturally be supposed, it was no easy matter for him to get a school, and on the first start, the enterprise moved very slowly. But as the idea of abandoning anything on which he had once fixed his purpose, was no part of his character, he persevered, and in a short time he had more scholars to turn away, than he had at first to begin with. He was also paid what was considered an exorbitant price. Formerly, no master had hunted above $8 per annum. Houston, who probably thought that one who had been graduated at an Indian university ought to hold his lore at a dearer rate, raised the price to $8—one-third to be paid in corn, delivered at the mill, at 33½ cents per bushel—one-third in cash, and one-third in domestic cotton cloth, of variegated colors, in which our Indian Professor was dressed. He also wore his hair behind, in a snug queue, and is said to have been very much in love with it, probably from an idea that it added somewhat to the adornment of his person—in which, too, he probably was sadly mistaken.

"When he had made money enough to pay his debts, he shut up school, and went back to his old master, to study. He put Euclid into his hands. He carried that ugly, unromantic book back and forth to and from the school a few days, without trying to solve even so much as the first problem, and then he came to the very sensible conclusion, that he would never try to be a scholar."

Of this ingenious piece of history, from the first fact to the last—the extraordinary auspices under which he becomes a highly successful preceptor, and the unparalleled catastrophe which closes a career of learning so prodigious—we hold it fit that each man should, according to the measure of facil faith with which Heaven has blessed him, believe just as much or as little as likes him. For our part we avow that we nourish a profound conviction of the exact authenticity of the story of the queue. Possibly it was, strictly speaking, a scalp-lock, a shaved among his polite associates, his

'Feather-crowned chiefs and dusky loves,'

as Gray says (you know), General Houston. But, queue or scalp-lock, there was little in it to be ashamed of, especially for a young gentleman who had so early disencumbered himself of all those sickening forms and vile hypocrisies (as Mr. Lester considers them) which white men (as he profoundly remarks) are absurd enough to think as mannerly as the style of the woods and as respectable as going naked. The aspiring Houston had gone half way back to Mobeldo's men: why, then, not finish the journey and put on a tail? Besides, let not the modern dignity of the queue be undervalued: it was yet, in 1813, a mark of party designation; its presence marked the avowed Federalist—its absence, the Democrat—and was quite as good a test of public principles as any that has more newly distinguished the latter creed. And, finally, as to its seemliness, its danger of provoking derision, Mr. Houston cannot have made half the mountebank figure in it that he did when, to draw the vulgar eye upon him, he ingrafted habitually for the boys in the streets of Washington, and even at his senatorial seat, in a party-colored Mexican poncho—a vesture about as fit for his age or his place as it would have been to set, in Indian nudity, painted, shoeless and shirtless.

We pass over minor probabilities: that, being too lazy to hunt like other Indians, he had, though supplied with clothes by his poor deserted mother, gone in debt for "articles of taste;" that people were fond to trust him: his solicitude (seldom soon since) to pay his debts; the very likely way of liquidating them with his learning the literary reputation which enabled him to obtain higher rates of tuition than ever were before known in that region: the uncommon of his invincible perseverance, already so admirably illustrated in his previous enterprises of erudition, and yet again to be delightfully manifested in his tremendous attempt upon Euclid; and, finally, his secession from the mighty task of illustrating the merits of all others, by doughty resolve to learn something himself: his return to that very master who had heretofore driven him to such a cruel extremity, by the refusal of Greek and Latin; the new misfortune of that terrible book, Euclid, how he carried it, for "several days," in pencil, in his hands and how, after that severe trial of his wits, even his indefatigable, invincible perseverance gave way, and he "came to the very sensible conclusion" that

'Pond'rous science *left* him on his humble birth,'

and that in a word, he "would never make a scholar;" upon which profound discovery, he posted off to the nearest recruiting station, took the bounty, and enlisted as a common soldier in the U. S. Infantry.—This disposal of himself seems (as one might have surmised) to have been viewed by the public around with more than their usual complacency, and less than their usual astonishment at his acts; in fact, according to his biographer, nobody looked for anything else. Now, every one knows what the standing of a young man must be, on whom all the neighborhood counts as certain to be enlisted, the first time Sergeant Kite shall come along his way: the fact of such an expectation stamps his reputation as that of a lazy, disorderly, good-for-nothing fellow; and this—disregarding all the trumpery of Mr. Lester about the mortification of his friends and the heroism of his mother—is the plain substance of Houston's own account of the event.

We proceed to his military life. It appears that he was, by and by, in camp, promoted to a sergeantcy, and afterwards to an ensigncy; and that his regiment (the 39th) was brought into action, for the first and last time while he was in it, at the battle, or rather slaughter, of the Horse-Shoe; where, as our readers will of course remember, General Jackson attacked, with artillery, and about 2,000 men, half that number of Creek warriors, posted behind a breastwork of logs, drawn across the neck of the peninsula. While the main body of Gen. J.'s troops drew up to storm the wall from without the isthmus, another large force, under General Coffee, succeeded in crossing the river, so as to fall upon the Indian rear—which manœuvre executed, the rest of the affair (the Indians being beset on all sides) could be, of necessity, nothing but either a surrender, or (as it became) a massacre.

The main body destined to carry this Indian line of defences included the 39th regiment, and had been held back until the firing of those penetrating within the peninsula should give them the signal for the onset. The part of the combat in which Houston figures must be related in his own version only, set off with Mr. Lester's idiom:

"When General Jackson's troops heard the firing and saw the smoke, they knew that their companions had crossed the river, and they were impatient to storm the breast-works. But the general held them steady in their lines till he had sent an interpreter to remove all the women and children in the peninsula, amounting to several hundreds, to a safe place beyond the river. The moment this was effected, he gave an order to storm the breastworks. The order was received with a shout, and the 39th Regiment, under Col. Williams, and Gen. Doherty's brigade of East Tennesseans, rushed up with loud cries to the breast-work, where a short but bloody struggle followed at the portholes, bayonet to bayonet and muzzle to muzzle. Major Montgomery was the first man to spring upon the breast-works, but a ball in the head hurled him back. About the same instant, on the extreme right of the 39th Regiment, Ensign Houston scaled the breast-works, calling out to his brave fellows to follow him as he leaped down among the Indians, cutting his way.

"While he was scaling the works, or soon after he reached the ground, a rifled arrow struck deep into his thigh. He kept his ground for a moment till his lieutenant and men were by his side, and the warriors had begun to recoil under their desperate onset.

He then called to his lieutenant to extract the arrow, after he had tried in vain to do it himself. The officer made two unsuccessful attempts and failed. 'Try again,' said Houston, the sword with which he was still keeping the countenance raised over his head, 'and if you fail this time I will sonate you to the earth.' With a desperate effort he drew forth the arrow, tearing the flesh as it came. A stream of blood rushed from the place, and Houston crossed the breast-works to have his wounds dressed. The surgeon bound it up and staunched the blood, and General Jackson, who came up to see who had been wounded, recognizing his young ensign, ordered him firmly not to return. Under any other circumstances Houston would have obeyed any order from the brave man who stood over him, but now he begged the general to allow him to return to his men.—General Jackson ordered him most peremptorily not to cross the breast-works again. But Houston was determined to die in that battle or win the fame of a hero. He remembered how the finger of scorn had been pointed at him as he fell into the ranks of the recruiting party that marched through the village, and rushing once more to the breast works, he was in a few seconds at the head of his men."

This feat of fiction being such as the strongest man must pause to take breath after, we have a brief interval, during which Mr. Houston is not "pierced deep" with arrows, nor torn to strings of flesh by wrenching the weapons out against their barbs, nor in the hands of the surgeon, nor in those of General Jackson nor getting himself shot again: but presently, of course, he is destroyed again, in a much more thorough manner. The savages are cut or shot down everywhere but at a single point.

"But the victory was still incomplete—the work of slaughter was not yet done. A large party of Indians had secreted themselves in a part of the breast-works, constructed over a ravine in the form of the roof of a house, with narrow port holes, from which a murderous fire could be kept up, whenever the assailants should show themselves. Here the last remnant of the Creek warriors of the peninsula was gathered, and as the artillery could not be brought to bear upon the place, they could be dislodged only by a bold charge, which would probably cost the life of the brave men who made it.

"An offer of life, if they would surrender, had been rejected with scorn by these brave, desperate savages, which sealed their fate. General Jackson now called for a body of men to make the charge. As there was no order given, the lines stood still, and not an officer volunteered to lead the forlorn hope. Supposing some captain would lead forward his company, Houston would wait no longer. Calling on his platoon to follow him, he dashed down the precipitous descent towards the covered ravine. But his men hesitated. With a desperation which belongs only to such occasions, he seized a musket from one of his men, and leading the way, ordered the rest to follow him.—The re was but one way of attack that could prevail—it was to charge through the port-holes, although they were bristling with rifles and arrows, and it had to be done by a rapid, simultaneous plunge. As he was stooping to rally his men, and had levelled his musket, within five yards of the port holes, he received two rifle balls in his right shoulder, and his arm fell shattered to his side.—Utterly disabled, he turned and called once more to his men, and implored them to make the charge. But they did not advance. Houston stood in his blood till he saw it would do no good to stand any longer, and then went beyond the range of the bullets, and sunk down exhausted, to the earth. The Indians were at last dislodged from the covert ravine by its having set on fire. The sun was going down, and it set over the ruin of the Creek nation. Where, but a few hours before, a thousand brave savages had scoured on death and the chase, there was nothing to be seen but the ramparts, there was nothing to be seen but the carcasses of dead warriors, and the burning ruins of their forlorn hope."

We have never seen any other account of Mr. Houston's feats or "hair-breadth 'scapes" in the battle of the Horse-shoe; he himself stands, we presume, the sole authority for those egregious exploits, and Mr. Consul Lester for their sole trazgmen. If anybody can contrive, with his utmost effort at the preposterous, to invent what shall seem a fiction, bolder and more impudent than the *fact*, or more merely stupid than the *record* of these performances, (that of the arrow, we mean, and that of Hs charging, all alone by himself, upon the "covered ravine,") we pronounce him, without hesitation, to be worthy to have travelled with Munchausen, to have sailed with Ferdinand Mendez Pinto; nay, soaring above modern degeneracy in lubbing, to have challenged all ancient Crete, although there the act of telling "shoemcers" was, even in "Gracia mendax," confessed to be carried to its perfection. If such a master in the fabulous can be found, and he can bring himself to forego singing of arms and heroes and will "touch the lyre" of peace with so bold a hand, who knows but that he may be employed to negotiate the next Oregon treaty, or even to write the President's next Annual Message?

Now, it may be true that Houston was slightly hurt by an arrow, in the storming of the Indian wall; and that afterwards, in an attack upon the "covered ravine," he was severely wounded by a bullet; but all beyond this is such, and so told, as to cast the most violent discredit even upon the few facts stated which are, in the nature of things, feasible. In the first place, although the hero himself is but the lowest commissioned officer in his company, he is distinctly made to be in command of the whole. Nay, the lieutenant is set before us, as submitting, under the threat of instant death, to a command the most insane that Bedlam itself could have issued. Thus *one* superior officer appears, even in Houston's own tale; but what had become of the *rest*!—the Captain!—the two other lieutenants (for, in that day, every Company of the Line had *three* lieutenants)! How, then, could Houston have threatened, "with the uplifted sword with which *he* was keeping the command," to cut down his superior officer, because he did not fear, "deep out of his thigh," a bearded shaft? What did he want that amazing surgical operation performed for? Well, after all, he *must* have had his head full of the *Iliad* or *Paradise Lost*; for 'tis in them only that one reads how, no matter how pierced or cloven, the flesh of celestials (Mars, Satan, and the like) reunites and is whole, as soon as the weapon is withdrawn. Such a wound as H. here fables of would, even without the plucking-out of the arrow-head by main force, have instantly disabled anything but a Homeric God and rendered all personal locomotion impossible; but Houston, as if more than a god, adds the disruption to the wound, climbs the wall like a rope-dancer, gets his torn tendons and muscles mended by the doctor; and lo! leaping the wall again, at a bound, (like the pagan in Ariosto, Rodomont, from whose enormous brags comes the word *rodomontade*,) he is again in the thick of the fight: not (as it well appears) to do anything sane or serviceable, nor even to hurt any opposite foeman; but only for the excellent and useful purpose of receiving fresh wounds, as senselessly earned as the first was stupidly treated.

So much for the main points of story No. 1: and now for achievement No. 2.

Had General Jackson called only for a platoon of men, without crow-bars, mattocks, or any instrument in the smallest degree fit for breaking a way into a strong, close work of logs, guarded by a large body of Indians bent on selling their lives as dear as possible, and only to be got at through loop-holes? They must have shot down, at their ease, forty such successive platoons, every man of them. Less than a number equal to that of the defenders could not have been sent to the attack, unless to get them all killed. But Houston did not command more than the fourth of *one* Company; and *not that* independently of his captain and lieutenants; he was in the Regular Service, in which little military freedoms like this of breaking the ranks just when one likes are not tolerated. The movement itself is executed, in this ludicrous onset, as totally without plan or purpose as it is undertaken without subordination: the gentleman in the dismembered thigh outstrips his whole-limbed platoon so much as to make, in effect, only a single-handed assault, with his sword, upon a wall of loop-holes bristling with rifles; and, after getting himself shot, at somewhere about arm's-length, deliberately walks off again, to be put upon the doctor's hooks for the remainder of the war: for this is his first field and his last, as a soldier of the United States.—Here ends his military career, in this country, except certain exploits of the bludgeon, hereafter to be commemorated. A brief civil service, partly Congressional—the latter utterly undistinguished, except by the fact that, dumb within the Capitol, his debaucheries and ribaldry were its disgrace without, in days when yet the House of Representatives *could* be disgraced—ensues; then the conjugal outrage which, while Governor of his State, drove him forth an outlaw; next, his second naturalization among savages more congenial to his habits. All these may be very briefly despatched, when we shall perhaps resume his life, in order to examine its greater events—the Texan part of his history.

Mightiest of magnanimous men! most deserving of worthies! thou fagend of False Heroism! for the present adieu!

H. SECRETARIO.

VAN BUREN AND CLAY.—Mr. Van Buren having been invited to the celebration of Mr. Clay's birth-day, in New York, declined the invitation, as contrary to a rule he had laid down for himself, and added the following remarks, which are as honorable to himself:—

"I do not however, regret that your politeness has made it proper for me to say, that you do no more than justice to my feelings in assuming that I appreciate as they deserve the commanding talents and manly frankness which have so often been displayed by your distinguished friend on the occasion of our public intercourse, and that I have sufficient confidence in his character, candor and liberality to recognize those characteristics even in a political opponent. To you who understand the matter, it would be superfluous to speak of the very wide difference of opinion which for many years existed, and does still exist, between Mr Clay and myself, in regard to almost every public question. But we are fortunately free from all necessity to make such differences to affect mutually our personal relations. It would essentially diminish my self respect to believe that I am capable of claiming, as I always have done, for almost freedom of opinion for myself, and not enough to deny the same privilege to those who are opposed to me. To embitter the few enjoyments which public life affords by an indulgence in sentiments so contracted and illiberal, is a weakness which is not my happiness to believe I have been as free from as the infirmities of nature will permit. My personal relations with Mr Clay are of a very friendly character, and I have witnessed the recent demonstration of personal regard and political devotion on the part of his friends in this city with no other feelings than those of respect. A determination so earnest and unyielding to use, to as long as public station is agreeable to him, an aged statesman who has spent a large portion of his life in upholding principles which those who exhibit that determination regard as having the public good for their object, is a demonstration at once honorable to those who make it, and well calculated to instil into the minds of the young men of the country higher and purer motives for political action than those which mere party warfare too often excites."

When this liberal letter was read at the Clay festival, it was received with a general outburst of applause. The Hon. Dudley Selden responded in a speech highly complimentary to Mr Van Buren, closing with a proposition to "give three hearty cheers for Mr Van Buren,—and, for the matter of that, *more if you like!*" The nine cheers were given, and nine more for Mr Selden.

The North Carolina Regiment.—We learn that a letter has been received from a member of the Wilmington Company, in which the writer states that Col. Paine has resigned, and that Maj Stokes has been elected by the Regiment to the office of Colonel. The writer further says that Captain Price, of this place, formerly Captain of the Wilmington Company, has been elected Major of the Regiment.—*Wilmington Journal.*

New Post Office.—We learn that a new Post Office has been established at Carver's Creek, in Bladen County, by the name of "West Brook's Post Office," and that the office at White Hall, formerly known by this name (West Brooks,) is now called "Clear Creek Post Office. Mr. Washington Jones, we are informed, has been appointed Post Master of the West Brook's Post Office.

Wilmington Journal.

GREAT BARGAINS.—An American in Paris writes: "I was at a jeweller's this afternoon with a gentleman, and saw the counter covered with silver dishes, complete dinner services, knives, forks, spoons, all of which, he told me, he had just bought for old silver at its value in weight in bullion; and he offered to sell me any of it at the same rate. Many of the things, he said, he had sold new within the last six months. The most magnificent horses you ever saw can be had for a hundred dollars the pair.—*Boston Transcript.*

Kentucky.—The Locofocos of Kentucky have at length found a candidate for Governor, in the person of Lazarus W. Powell. The Louisville Journal says that the same Mr. Powell was in 1844 the Locofoco candidate for election in his district. In the course of his labors, he went to Litchfield in Grayson county, and made a speech. In that speech he indulged so freely in hard swearing, that *the grand jury indicted him for profanity and he was actually convicted and fined!*

Col. Richard M. Johnson has announced himself to his Democratic friends as a candidate for the office of Governor of the State of Kentucky. The regular nominee of his party is Lazarus W. Powell. The Hon. John J. Crittenden, it will be remembered, is the Whig candidate, of whose election there can be no doubt.

Benefits of Advertising.—John Derby, of Ware, Mass., advertised for a wife, and received seventy-five applications. Some of the applicants pressed their claims with such vigor, that poor John, to get out of the scrape, placed a rope round his neck and hung himself.

A person once sent a note to a wagish friend, requesting the loan of his *noose* paper, and received in return his friend's *marriage certificate*.

From the N. O. Picayune, April 13.

LATE FROM MEXICO.

There were two arrivals yesterday from Vera Cruz to the 3d inst. Our dates from the city of Mexico are to the 30th ult.

Mr. Clifford, one of the commissioners to Mexico, arrived at Vera Cruz on the morning of the 2d inst., and left at noon on the 3d for Mexico, escorted by Lieutenant Baldwin's company of Mounted Rifles.

The U. S. steam frigate Mississippi sailed from Vera Cruz on the 2d inst., for Boston. We regret to learn that there were twelve or fourteen cases of yellow fever on board when she sailed.

A gentleman who came passenger on the Washington, assures us that the general opinion among those Mexicans of the first class, whose judgment is considered good, is that the treaty will not be ratified by the Mexican Congress. In fact, the members are intimidated by the populace and will not dare to vote for the treaty. So says our informant.

In anticipation that the army might fall back from Mexico, the Post Commissary at Puebla had received orders as early as the 20th ult. from headquarters to contract for 75,000 rations to be delivered at a moment's notice for a downward movement.

After Santa Anna had been escorted by Col. Hughes to the hacienda of El Encero, he embarked on the 4th inst. on a Spanish brig for Kingston, Jamaica, as some accounts say; others make Havana his destination.

There was much excitement at Vera Cruz on the 3th ult., it having been discovered that 24 Lieut. John Smith, of Capt. White's company of Mounted Men, had deserted, taking with him seven men of his company. The same evening one of the number, a sergeant—a youth of about nineteen—returned and related the following: Smith and the others told him they were going out to hunt, and he accompanied them under that impression until they were about eight miles from the city, when Smith called a halt and made known his intention of joining some robber band. The sergeant told him that he would not desert—that he would die first. They then told him he must die. He gave them his musket, but upon further consideration they concluded to let him go. Giving him a fowling piece, which he could not use for want of caps, they allowed him to return. On the morning of the 1st inst. they fell into the hands of Zenobia, or Cenobio, the great guerrilla chief. He, no doubt thinking that *he* was robber enough for the road and unwilling to place confidence in men who would desert their country's standard, would not accept of their services, but kept them prisoners. He also immediately sent word to Gov. Wilson, who despatched Capt. Kerr with his command to escort the worthies into Vera Cruz, where they arrived on Sunday the 2d inst.

Since the desertion of Smith some men have recognised him as one who has been quartered at the expense of the State for a length of time, in a certain strong house under the direction of a warden, for being concerned with others in appropriating to his own use a large quantity of funds not his own. There is a good deal of speculation as to what Gov. Wilson will do with the fellow.

General Butler is determined to send Mr. Trist out of the country as soon as possible, and had demanded of the court that the remainder of his evidence should be taken as early as possible.

The most notable event in Mexican affairs at last accounts is the attempt of Gen. Paredes to get up a revolution in San Luis Potosi.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

An arrival at New Orleans furnishes Vera Cruz dates to the 9th inst., and the city of Mexico to the 5th.

Mr. Sevier arrived at Vera Cruz on the 6th, and started for the Capital on the 8th, escorted by 60 dragoons.

Gen Kearney has been installed as Governor of Vera Cruz.

Santa Anna did not sail till the 5th, when he actually left Mexico in the Spanish brig Marino.

A bearer of despatches from Mexico reports the roads as infested with small bands of armed robbers, masked, who plunder the stages, &c.

It was supposed at Vera Cruz that Gen. Scott and Mr. Trist would leave Mexico about the 5th, "the Court having adjourned its sittings to the U. States." But this is doubtful, as no statement of such an adjournment is contained in the proceedings of the Court to the 3d.

The election for city officers took place in Vera Cruz, under the armistice, on Sunday the 9th—Gov. Kearny was requested by the Mexican authorities to take down the American flag from the main *plaza*, and give up the public buildings in that quarter, during the election, which he indignantly refused. The troops, except the necessary guard, retired from the city during the election.

The election in the city of Mexico was held on Sunday the 2d, and passed off quietly. Our troops were withdrawn, except a guard.

The Mexican Congress had not yet formed a quorum, 15 Deputies and 3 Senators being required, in addition to those present. Some members of Congress had left Queretaro under the pretext of reluctance to vote for the ratification of the Treaty; and the gravest apprehensions were entertained that so many might withdraw as to prevent a quorum from assembling. Opinions are various as to the ratification. The news of our Senate's action was received at the Capital on the 2d, and was despatched at once to Queretaro.

A Mexican paper gives an account of the capture of the Governor of Chihuahua and some of his officers, with 8 pieces of artillery and 1000 muskets, by a body of Americans from the camp at Buena Vista, who are said to have sacked the town of Santa Cruz de Rosales. This is a mysterious affair.

Col. Hays's Rangers pursued and overtook a gang of 14 Mexican robbers, and captured and shot 13 of them.

LATE FROM YUCATAN.

The U. S. schooner Falcon, arrived yesterday from Campeachy, whence she sailed on the 3d inst.

Lieutenant Glasson has brought over important despatches for the Government at Washington, which will be forwarded by mail to-day.

The insurrection of the Indians in the State of Yucatan presents now an aspect truly dreadful, and calls for immediate relief. Death and fire mark the progress of the Indians. Every town, hacienda and rancho is being laid waste by fire. The inhabitants are fleeing to the Northern coast. Those who fall into the hands of the savages are tortured to death. Some thousands have taken shelter in the Islands of Cosmel, of Mageres and of Contoy. The coast between Boca de Cornil and Sisal is flocked with men, women and children from the interior country, laid waste, who are wending their way in the direction of Sisal, and embarking as opportunities offer, for Campeachy. From three to four thousand passed, in the course of a few days, the village of Sisal, on the coast side, taking the beach as the safest way. They are in a starved, miserable and helpless condition. The wealthy families are reduced to poverty, and many have nothing but the scanty clothing on their backs. The Falcon was despatched to the coast to assist in embarking the people. 121 were received on board and taken to Campeachy. They were from Valladolid, and fled at the destruction of it to Sisal. It was said that 25,000 people from the interior had taken refuge in Campeachy.

The Indian force is variously estimated to be from thirty to fifty thousand, and they have from five to six thousand with arms.

POLK AND BUCHANAN.—THE SENATE AND ITS SECRET PROCEEDINGS.—Mr. Nugent, the correspondent of the N. Y. Herald, who has been under arrest for nearly a month past, for an attempt of the Senate, in refusing to tell who violated the injunction of secresy by furnishing to him the Treaty and Documents, for publication, has written a letter which lifts the veil from some things of serious appearance to the uninitiated.

The following is the material part of the letter, and it is full of interest:—

"It will be recollected that I was the first to expose the secret designs of Mr. Polk, so to control the various sections of the Democratic party as to create a political necessity for his renomination by the Baltimore convention in May next. To expose this purpose, was to ensure its defeat, and, at the same time, to weaken the confidence of Mr. Polk's Cabinet in his sincerity, for, as strange as it may appear to many politicians in Indiana, in Illinois, in Ohio, in Tennessee, in Arkansas, and in New York, who have been partially apprised of his real views, within the last few months, as well as previously, he has assured me in the Cabinet in the most solemn manner that nothing could induce him to accept a re-nomination. But, unfortunately for the success of the President's schemes, I have addduced facts from time to time, to prove incontestably that while he was making these solemn assevertations to the Cabinet, his friends and agents, with his cognizance, and in accordance with his secret instructions, were vigorously occupied in making preparations for his re-election, and that those in office received private instruction to hold themselves actively engaged to any of the other candidates. I also showed his design in raising up one candidate after another, so as to neutralize the strength of such as were at any time gaining an unusual degree of influence.

Mr. Polk was excessively annoyed by these exposures, as well as at the publication of his conduct in the *Herald*. His friends were in a tumult, and declared that if those exposures were not stopped, Mr. Polk's interest would be thrown into the scale in the approaching presidential contest against Mr. Buchanan, with whom I was known to be on terms of personal intimacy. I was threatened with by more than one member of the cabinet, and told that by persisting, I could ruin, not only injure both my own prospects and those of Mr. Buchanan and myself. I replied that I had no fear of consequences, as I was only doing my duty, and was sustained by the approbation of the friends of Mr. Buchanan and myself—that I was not in pursuit of office, and that I would not accept any under Mr. Polk, as I preferred to be free to act in my own way, in defending the character of Mr. Buchanan, and in exposing the designs of Mr. Polk's friends. The President was induced to believe that they were not acting without the countenance and sanction of Mr. Buchanan. That gentleman, however, called on and again remonstrated with me, on the score of my honest belief that Mr. Polk did not intend to use the measures, and although never attempting to the slightest degree to control me, nor in the assumption of any indelicacy, he has nevertheless, when my conduct was mentioned in conversation between us, declared that he would esteem it a personal favor if I would refrain from discussing against the President.

"The President and his friends were anxious of appreciating the noble and disinterested conduct of Mr. Buchanan, and would be ready and accompanying documents appeared in the *Herald*, hoping to elicit something [illegible] Secretary of State, they resorted upon [illegible] investigation; and accordingly on Wednesday the 22d of March, the President sent a message to the Senate, appealing that both that the treaty with Mexico had appeared in the New York Herald with a portion of the documents and the correspondents of the Senate, and that the editor had promised to publish the remaining portion in a few days, and recommending that measures be adopted to arrest the publication of this remaining portion as it might tend to prevent the ratification of the treaty by the Mexican Government.

"Mr. Polk was never actuated by the [illegible] he assigns for sending this message. . . . In charity to him, I prefer to believe that this absurd pretence he intended to cover the design to injure the Herald and to destroy Mr. Buchanan. * * * *

"On this message, which was written at Mr. Polk had advised with his cabinet. The subsequent proceedings were founded, and the Senate blindly lent itself to be the instrument to give effect to his sordid jealously of the man who has been the main support of his administration and who has lent that administration that ability and character that has sustained it under the overwhelming weight of Mr. Polk's own imbecility. The history of these subsequent proceedings I must leave for another letter; but to place Mr. Polk's connection with this proceeding beyond doubt, I will mention a circumstance that occurred on Monday last. A motion was made on that day in the Senate, in secret session, to have the discharged, and the President's friends, desiring to learn his will, before voting, succeeded in postponing immediate action on the resolution. The fact that having consulted with Mr. Polk on Monday night and Tuesday morning, they have in a steadily opposed my enlargement, proves that the President's vengeance is not yet fully appeased. That Mr. Polk should use such means as Tyler and Mo

OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1848.

FOR GOVERNOR,
CHARLES MANLY, OF WAKE.

VERY IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.—The accounts in another column, will inform the reader, that a European war, as the result of the French Revolution, is no longer a chimera of the desponding, but an existing fact. Sardinia and Poland are the first theatres of war; but France, and Russia, and Prussia, are moving their forces to the scenes of action. Russia has no idea of suffering Republicanism to spread over Europe, and France and Prussia are preparing to resist her. A general war seems to be inevitable. We await the full accounts, and further advices, with deep anxiety.

English stocks have again fallen, a sure effect of these warlike movements.

Later News at hand!—The Acadia arrived at Boston yesterday. See our Telegraphic Despatches.

THE TELEGRAPH.—Those merchants, and others, who feel an interest in the daily receipt of telegraphic reports of the New York Markets, Steamers' news, &c., and are willing to pay a part of the expense, will find a subscription paper in the Book Store. The cost will be perhaps 3 or $400 a year—too great a sum to be paid by this office alone. We are willing to pay one-fourth or one-fifth of the cost, but not the whole. And we are very unwilling that the community should be without the news.

FIRE.—We regret to learn that the Law office of the Hon. Robert Strange, about 3 miles from this town, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last, with a portion of his valuable library. The fire is believed to have originated in the careless use of a match with which a negro lighted his pipe.

EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE.—On Sunday the 16th inst., 77 slaves, belonging to various persons in Washington City, were clandestinely taken off by the schr. Pearl, an Eastern vessel. When their flight was discovered a prodigious excitement was created in Washington. A Steamer was sent in pursuit, which fortunately overhauled the schooner just before she got out of the mouth of the Potomac. The whole party was brought back the negroes heavily ironed, and committed to jail.—Great indignation was aroused against the authors and abettors of this wholesale scheme of abolition, and all the vigilance of the authorities was required to prevent a resort to Lynch law.

When the captors and their prisoners arrived, it was with difficulty that the three white men who were found on the Pearl could be protected from violence by the crowd which collected. They were put in a hack and hurried off to prison.

All day and night of Tuesday last the excitement increased. It was added to by an attempt by that fire-brand, Giddings of Ohio, to introduce a resolution in the House, to appoint a committee to inquire by what right 77 persons were held in jail for no crime other than an attempt to enjoy that liberty for which our fathers encountered toil," &c. &c. When this resolution was read, Mr Holmes of S. C. said that if it was considered, he would move to amend, by an inquiry whether the scoundrels who caused them to be there ought not to be hung." In the midst of the laughter produced by this remark the House refused to receive the resolution.

At night, a large crowd assembled before the office of the New Era, an abolition paper printed in Washington, the proprietors of which were suspected of having had some hand in the scheme,—which, however, they positively denied all knowledge of. A few stones were thrown at the building.

On Wednesday evening an immense and greatly excited meeting was held to consider the property of having the New Era removed from the city. Great and successful efforts were made to keep the crowd from demolishing the office. A committee of 50 was appointed to wait instantly upon the proprietors and respectfully request them to remove the establishment from the city. The request was refused. It was then resolved to proceed the next morning at 10 o'clock to remove the concern forcibly, to appraise the damages, and pay the proprietors by public subscription. Stones were thrown at the building, and the windows broken. [* See proceedings in Congress.

GEN SAM HOUSTON.—THE LOCOFOCO CONVENTION.—The singular spectacle presented by the late Locofoco Convention, in the importation of two Senators in Congress, from Illinois and Texas, has doubtless attracted the attention of our readers. At first we considered it merely in the light of any other show,—a menagerie of wild animals, for instance,—calculated and intended to collect a crowd. We saw that the hopelessness of defeating the Whig candidate had almost paralyzed the party; that their county meetings had been few and far between; and that consequently the attendance of Delegates at the State Convention was likely to be very slim—a result the more desireable to the party because an effort had been made to ridicule the Whig Convention on account of its want of numerical force. In this strait, the expedient was resorted to, of importing from abroad somebody who could do—what nobody in the State appears to have been capable of—viz: produce an excitement, an enthusiasm, and draw a crowd. How signally the scheme failed has been seen.

But subsequent developments have given a greater importance to this visit of Messrs. Houston and Douglass. The National Intelligencer, whose cautious avoidance of all statements for which there is not good grounds, is proverbial, says that it "has for some time foreseen, that *Gen. Sam Houston was to be a formidable competitor with other Democrats in the candidateship for the office of President of the United States*"!!! This is a rather astounding announcement! And it well becomes the people of North Carolina seriously to inquire, who is this man, thus seeking the first office in the world, who is thus endorsed by a party, numbering nearly one half the citizens of our good old, honest, moral State?

But besides both these objects for the visit of the two dignitaries in question, there is another, as we learn from the Register, which was publicly avowed by one of the members of the Convention, viz: "That OURS IS AN IGNORANT AND BENIGHTED PEOPLE, *who need such information as they*, [Messrs. Houston and Douglass,] *had communicated to the Convention, to enlighten them*." The Register does not, and we regret that it does not, *name* the individual who made such a degrading speech—if, indeed, it be not a misapprehension, as we hope it will prove to be. We hope that no North Carolinian could have used such language, and especially to such men. Truth, and State pride, and self respect, all turn with unmitigated disgust from such a sentiment, from its author, and from those who listened unreprovingly to it.

In view of these things, as we said, it is worth while to inquire, who is this bright and shining light, Gen. Sam Houston, who thus aspires to the Presidency, and travels to New York, to New Hampshire, to North Carolina, &c., to harangue the "ignorant and benighted people" into a proper appreciation of his transcendant claims to that high station? In the American Review for June 1847, will be found an account of some of the characteristic acts of this political missionary, extracted from his Biography, written by Mr. Lester, from materials evidently furnished by Houston himself. A part of this, (the whole is too long for our paper,) interspersed with the spicy remarks of the reviewer, we have copied into another part of this paper, to which we invite the attention of all our readers.

This review and these extracts only exhibit Gen. Houston in early life, and some may be disposed to argue that the acts of a man's youth should not be criticised too severely. But it must be observed that Gen. Houston, by publishing them in 1846, has made them the acts of his mature age. He unquestionably employed Lester to write his Life, and furnished the materials. Besides, his whole career has been what his early life promised—"the boy was father to the man." His debaucheries, his rowdyism, his abandonment of his wife when Governor of Tennessee, his refuge among the Indians, and adoption of their habits, dress, &c., are exactly what might have been expected from one of the character and habits exhibited by the boy Sam Houston.

The latest manifestation of his true character dates but a few weeks back. In January last he delivered a speech in Tammany Hall, N Y., in the official authorized report of which occurs the following passage:—

"Your ancestors, when they landed at Plymouth, upon that famous rock, were not contented with that barren spot, but proceeded in their might, and went on progressing, at Jamestown as well as Plymouth, till all the country was possessed by them. From the first moment they landed, they went on trading with the Indians and *cheating* them out of their land. Now the Mexicans are no better than Indians, and *I see no reason why we should not go on in the same course now, and take their land*."

And the author of such a rogue's doctrine as this is imported to enlighten "the ignorant and benighted people" of honest old North Carolina!—And is probably the favorite candidate of some men more honest than himself for the Presidency! Alas that we should see our State and our Country so debased!

The Wilmington Journal says repeatedly, that "the Whig party has brought before the people of North Carolina [for Governor] about the weakest candidate they could have selected."

We merely put this upon record, that we may refer to it again, when, after the election in August, the same paper will be endeavoring to find reasons for the defeat of Mr. Reid by this "weakest man" of our party.

THE MILITARY COURTS IN MEXICO.—Things have taken an extraordinary turn in this tribunal. Gen. Scott, disgusted with the injustice of the Administration, withdrew his charges against Pillow. But that worthy at once took courage, and insisted on the trial going on. He was accommodated, and, as the result shows, greatly to his disadvantage and disappointment. Gen. Scott has made it appear, by abundant and uncontradicted testimony, that Pillow himself handed to Mr Freaner a puff of himself fabricated with that celebrated Leonidas letter which has made so great a noise and exposed Pillow to universal derision and contempt. Pillow had solemnly denied all knowledge of the authorship of that letter, and yet he had in his possession, and with marks of alteration in his own hand writing, a letter almost identically the same! which letter he endeavored to get forwarded with the first accounts of the battle (long before the official accounts,) so as to make the "first impressions," as he said, upon the public mind, which impression was to be, that he, Pillow, was the real hero of all the victories before the city of Mexico! that Scott, and Butler, and Smith, and Worth, &c., had nothing to do with those glorious events!

Well, Pillow not only denied all knowledge of this Leonidas letter, but a Capt. Burns, who had been Pillow's aid, wrote a letter in which he claimed the entire credit of the authorship of Leonidas, declaring that neither Pillow nor any body else knew any thing about it. This Captain being introduced as a witness for Pillow, he was cross-examined most severely by Gen. Scott, who avowed his determination throughout to impeach his testimony; and the following paper which he read to the Court shows how successful he was in doing so:—

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Court—I have already declared my intention to impeach the testimony of Paymaster A. W. Burns, a witness for the defence in the case before the court, who, since that declaration and the clear purpose manifested in the cross-examination, against all precedent under the circumstances, was permitted, the morning of the 25th inst., the last session of the court, after a night's reflection, and perhaps consultation, to come in and to alter his recorded testimony in a matter quite seriously affecting his credibility. Notwithstanding that advantage, the cross-examination has abundantly shown, in more than twenty instances, that the witness had almost a total want of memory on one side of the case, even in matters of no little interest and importance, and on the other, a powerful and minute memory—grasping and retaining incidents, which at the times they occurred, must have appeared to any one else wholly unworthy of being treasured. The court no doubt, will, at the proper time, look closely to that peculiarity of memory, without my specifying the numerous instances in this place. Some scattered proofs, I will, however, here glance at and only because they are distantly separated on the records and the files of the court.

The witness says, in testimony, though he was present at the operations of the 19th of August, he was not with the operating forces the following day, and therefore did not see them carry the entrenched camp of Contreras, the church and bridge at Churubusco. Yet, in the letter of Leonidas, which he swears was written by himself, and not by Maj Gen Pillow, he asserts to the public that —"The foregoing account of this unparalleled victory, (meaning the events of the 19th of Aug.) I was myself an *eye-witness* to, and will vouch for its correctness!" The witness, then, notwithstanding his oath cannot be the author of Leonidas.

So, at the end of the last paragraph but one of Leonidas, immediately preceding the quotation just given, the writer, speaking of the heroic Butler, colonel of the South-Carolina regiment, says: "No one laments his death more than the *writer* of this communication, who ate with him the last meal of which he partook prior to his death." Now, I shall show by witnesses, at present in the United States, that the lamented Col. Butler, who fell at Churubusco, early in the day—August 20 —took his last meal at San Angel, near the field where he gloriously fell, and but a little while before, in a company where Paymaster Burns, as indeed he himself swears, was *not*.

Mr. President, in further prosecution of my early manifested and declared purpose of impeaching the testimony of Paymaster Burns, I now propose, in continuation—1st. To introduce a witness to prove that the said Burns, addressed a letter to the N. O. Delta, from Puebla, which Maj. Gen. Pillow handed over, unsealed and open, to Mr. J. L. Freaner, to be forwarded by the express of the latter, and—2. Other witnesses to prove that the said Burns has repeatedly declared, before the meeting of this court, that he was *not* the author of the letter signed Leonidas.

Besides all these exposures of Gen. Pillow and his friend, it is stated by the N. O. Delta, in which "Leonidas" first appeared, that that document was *smuggled* into Mr. Freaner's packet to that paper *after he had, because it was a false statement, refused to send it*. The Editor, supposing it to come from Freaner, published it. Afterwards, a letter signed Veritas, was published in the Union, professing to corroborate Leonidas's story; but it now appears that Veritas and Leonidas are the same person!

It is worthy of remark that both Freaner and Trist were originally personally friendly to Pillow, as they are both still politically so. They were disgusted by his vanity and meanness.

As to the actual authorship of Leonidas, this Capt. Burns has contradicted himself. He first denied having written it. Capt. Merrill testified before the Court, that in October last he said to Burns, "Major, do you know that you are accused of writing that letter?" He answered "No," and asked by whom. I replied, "by everybody," he said "this is a mistake; I did not write it." I believe I then added, "Well, you are accused of it."

Burns had previously sworn that he never had denied being the author—or if he had, it was in a jocular way.

It is for such worthies as Pillow and Burns, and by such men, that the Administration has been laboring for a year past to destroy the old soldier of forty years' hard and glorious service!

PROSCRIPTION IN NORTH CAROLINA.—Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq. the lately removed Postmaster at Milton, publishes a letter from the Department at Washington, informing him that "it is contrary to a rule of the Department to give reasons for the removal of a Postmaster. But it is nothing more than just to you to state that there are no charges preferred against you that in any way reflect against your character."

Why is it "contrary to a rule of the Department to give reasons for the removal of a Postmaster?" In this country, where the people are supposed to govern, why is it that the people's *servants* wrap themselves up in their dignity and refuse to allow their *masters* to know the reason for doing that which they were neither asked nor authorized to do? The rule can only have originated in the knowledge that the "reasons" would not justify the act; that the people would be shocked and incensed at the proscription. They *dare* not avow reasons of which they themselves are ashamed, and which would outrage public sentiment.

We suppose, without any knowledge on the subject, that Mr. Palmer, who has heretofore been a leading Democrat in his county of Caswell, dared to think for himself, and voted for Mr. Kerr in preference to Mr. Venable for Congress, and that this is the "reason" of the removal—a reason doubtless quite satisfactory to Cave Johnson and the men who now rule at Washington.

Mr. Palmer is naturally indignant at the outrage. He has been Postmaster for upwards of 16 years, and was removed without notice, or any opportunity of being heard. He says,—

"Nothing is better calculated to weaken one's affection for his Country when those in power so far forget and trample on the privileges of its humble citizens. It was not so in the days of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Adams. To all my zeal as a partizan I never advocated proscription for opinion's sake."

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.—We have received from a young friend at Chapel Hill, the Catalogue for 1847–8, exhibiting a list of 166 Students connected with the Institution, viz:

Law Students,			11
Seniors,	29		
Juniors,	44		
Sophomores,	33		
Freshmen,	41		
Partial Course,	8		155
Total,			166

They come, from

North Carolina,	130	Florida,	3
Alabama,	15	Georgia,	3
Virginia,	5	South Carolina,	1
Mississippi,	4	Texas,	1
Tennessee,	4		

The town of Fayetteville and County of Cumberland furnish 14, or one-eleventh of the whole number connected with the Literary Department of the University.

NEW YORK ELECTION.—The correspondent of the National Intelligencer writes that the late election in the city of New York is a substantial triumph of the Whigs. Their Mayor was beaten, it is true, by 918 votes out of about 45,000; but they retain a majority of the city Boards, and of course will retain all the Whigs in office. This is a bitter pill to the spoils-loving party, and they consequently growl furiously about it. But the most important feature of the election is, that Havemeyer, the Mayor-elect, is a thorough-going Wilmot Proviso man, and, as such, is a Delegate to the approaching Locofoco National Convention at Baltimore on the 23d May. "When the Mayor and his fellow Delegates, says the writer, shall knock at the door of the Baltimore Convention, and demand, in the name of the Democrats of the Empire State, a voice in the selection of a candidate for the Presidency, according to high Democratic authority at Washington as well as in this State, the door is to be closed against them, and they are to be refused admission. That they will return home, thus dishonored, and unite in electing to the Presidency the nominee of that Convention, nobody is weak enough to believe. Set down the vote of the Empire State as certain for the Whig candidate to be nominated by the Philadelphia Convention, whether that candidate shall be Mr Clay or General Taylor, or any other good Whig. The election of Mr. Havemeyer is one of the means, and not a small one, which will produce this result."

It will be remembered, of course, that there are two sets of Delegates to the Baltimore Convention from New York State,—the Barnburner set, and the Old Hunker set,—each consisting of 36, and each bent on giving the vote of New York in that Convention. They differ, of course, as to the Candidate, and indeed as to every thing else, except that each claims to be the real Simon Pure Democrats.

The Union admits that the feud in its party in New York "at present appears—and at no time more than the present—of an obstinate and almost desperate character."

RIOT AT COLUMBIA, S. C.—A difficulty occurred between the Students of Columbia College and the Police, on the night of the 15th inst. in the course of which the Students turned out in force and pelted the Guard House. The police being unable to quell the riot, were about to ring the fire bell, when Mr. Preston, President of the College, arrived and managed to disperse the crowd.

CHEAP POSTAGE.—It is a very remarkable fact, that, in 1845, Scotland, with a population about equal to that of the State of New York, circulated through the mail three millions more of letters than the whole United States! Postage in Scotland is uniformly, we believe, one penny for a single letter. The partial reduction of postage in this country has greatly increased the number of letters, as is manifest from the fact that the whole income is as large now as in 1845, whilst the charge per letter is reduced more than one half. For our own part, we pay more postage than we did under the old system, but then we receive three or four times as many letters.

The system has worked so well that the public is loudly calling for a further reduction. But we think that the reduction should be on newspapers this time. Let the charge be for short distances half a cent, and for long distances one cent.

A letter from an officer of the N. C. Regiment, dated Buena Vista, March 18, states that all the Companies composing the Regiment are at that place,—Major Stokes in command.

As an evidence of the present miserable management of the Mails, it is stated that the merchants and business men of Alexandria receive the Northern Mail one day later than it is received in Washington city. The distance between the two places is *seven miles*!

CANVASSING.—The Cheraw Gazette classes *speaking* and *treating*, together, in its view of the evils of the system of canvassing. We make a wide distinction between them. The system of treating, to secure votes for office, is an abominable one. The speeches of candidates, on the contrary, seldom do harm, and generally do great good, in enlightening the minds of the hearers.

Our candidates for Governor speak: they never treat. And from their character, and talents, and the dignity of the place to which they aspire, their speeches are generally of a high order of excellence.

The Gazette is certainly mistaken in supposing that the practice of canvassing simply (without treating,) has deterred the most talented citizens from becoming candidates. Only a few years ago, in a single county in this State we had Senator Mangum, Gov. Graham, and Hugh Waddell, Esq. as candidates for seats in our Legislature, and canvassing the county with a zeal and ability probably unsurpassed, the fame of which drew many persons from other counties to hear. And sure we are that none of our candidates for Governor, neither Gov. Morehead, nor Gov. Graham, nor Mr. Manly, ever "degraded" himself by any act or word in a canvass. Very far from it.—Congress, and our State Legislature, every year contain men of the highest character for talents and personal and public virtue, who do not think it beneath them to meet their constituents "on the stump." It is the *abuse* of the system, and not the system itself, against which the Gazette should war; and in that we are always ready to unite with it.

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE, on Monday the 17th, after the morning business, the bill concerning the Supreme Court of the U. S. was discussed at length by Messrs. Ashley, Allen, Crittenden, Butler and Foote. Mr. Allen is stated to have made a furious onslaught upon the Court as being too far above the people—too exalted—too self-consequential. The judges ought not to hold their stations by life-tenures, nor ought they to be appointed by the President and Senate: they should be elected by the free suffrages of the people. They were but nine men in black gowns, and their gowns constituted a large share of their greatness! They were desirous of being too idle and wanted leisure to deal out their idleness in instalments. [Beauties of Locofocoism. It will be borne in mind that the Chief Justice and a majority of his Associates are of the party of which this Ohio worthy wishes to be considered the leader.]

Mr. Crittenden replied mainly to the argument of Mr. Ashley, which he very summarily but courteously, made appear any thing but captivating!

Mr Butler replied to Mr. Allen's strictures upon the learning, long service and eminent worth of the members of the august Court, with spirit and effect. He would not sit still, he said, and hear that distinguished body of eminent men assailed as it had been to day. He was severe upon Mr. Allen's *levelling doctrine*, which seeks popularity in appealing to passion and prejudice.

Mr. Allen rejoined, contending that the people exhibited better sense, in selecting and electing Presidents, than the Presidents did in selecting Judges of the Supreme Court.

After this, Mr. Foote took up the cudgels in aid of his friend Allen, and ranted away at a grandiloquent rate in favor of giving the election of Judges of the Courts to the people, who were honest, virtuous and capable of making wise and judicious selections. It was not the work of a demagogue, he maintained, to assert this doctrine. It was the true republican ground.

On Tuesday, a long and able debate took place on the bill concerning the Supreme Court, which had been reconsidered. Messrs. Johnson of Md., Allen, Butler, Badger, Ashley and Crittenden spoke. The bill was again rejected, 23 to 17.

On Wednesday, after unimportant business, the Senate went into secret session.

On Thursday, a deeply excited debate arose on a motion by Mr. Hale of N. H. for leave to introduce a bill relative to unlawful assemblages in the District. "Stirring speeches were made, (says the Baltimore Patriot) Messrs. Calhoun, Butler, Mangum, Hannegan, Douglass, the two Davises, Foote, and others participated. Mr. Foote was on his *highhale*, (or horse, and accused Mr. Hale that if he would come to Mississippi, he would be very much *cratted*, and said he would take a hand in doing those high honors to his distinguished deserts! That is, that they would hang the New Hampshire Senator in Mississippi, if they could catch him out in that State famed for its repudiation! This did not deter Senator Hale. He thought his Locofoco friend Foote was doing damage to the *party*, by the use of such terms—that he would drive Locofocos over to the abolition side in the free States, and cause them to vote for Mr. Hale, the candidate of the abolitionists for the Presidency. So he told Mr. Foote that his speech was as good as 10,000 votes to the Senator from New Hampshire. Mr. Foote was again upon his high horse by way of explanation. When he had finished, Mr. Douglass said the Mississippian's explanation was as good as 5,000 more votes to the gentleman from New Hampshire! He had now helped the abolition candidate for the Presidency to 15,000 votes! This stand all the excitement produced considerable merriment!

Mr. Bagby gave notice of his intention to offer an amendment to the bill, to present the crime of k idnapping, by the most stringent measures.

Mr. Hale rejoined that he would unite with him most heartily in the passage of such a law, as should prevent the crime of kidnapping for he had been informed that a gross case of abduction had occurred yesterday within sight of the capitol. He would further say, that nothing was more foreign to the object of this bill, than the one referred to. Softer from this, he had purposely and studiously abstained from even alluding to slavery in connection with the subject. The bill proposed was merely intended to hold the city corporation liable for property destroyed by mob violence.

Mr. Benton hoped that the whole subject would be dropped, and the regular business proceeded with.

Mr. Calhoun spoke with warmth, denouncing the efforts of Northern abolitionists to deprive Southern men of their property. If Northern vessels could not visit Southern waters, without endangering Southern rights, Southern men would prevent them coming at all. The consequence would be that the question would thus directly be brought to an issue. If any political event threatened the safety of the Union, it is the slavery question. All matters tending to a collision upon this point should be watched and treated with caution. He therefore that desire to introduce the bill would not be granted.

Mr. Hale replied, and utterly denied that he had in any manner whatever directly or indirectly, by council, speech or silence, had any connection with the kidnapping business.

Mr. Calhoun abruptly closed the discussion as far as himself was concerned, by observing that he should not soon think of arguing with a maniac, as the Senator from New Hampshire upon the subject.

Mr. Mangum deprecated the excitement which prevailed, as well as the ill-timed introduction of the bill.

The discussion was continued until a late hour. The Senate adjourned to Monday, without taking the question.

In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, on Monday the 17th, Mr. Clingman offered a set of resolutions calling for further correspondence between Gen Scott and the Secretary of War; which—modified so as to include all the unprinted correspondence of General Scott—were adopted.

Mr. C. J. Ingersoll offered a resolution of inquiry whether the immediate reduction of fifteen of the thirty per cent. ad valorem on French productions imported into the United States, would not afford seasonable relief to the distressed industry of that country, without disadvantage to this?—This resolution elicited a proposition by Mr. Vinton to amend, by changing the inquiry into a modification of the tariff of 1846; and another by Mr. McLane, to change the inquiry into the propriety of repealing all duties on articles of French growth and manufacture; and hereupon a debate ensued, in which Mr. Holmes, of South Carolina, Mr. Hudson, and others participated. The subject was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Bayley of Va., by yeas 99, nays 85.

Mr. Botts endeavored to introduce a resolution calling upon the President for particular information as to the causes of Gen. Scott's suspension from command, recall, and trial; and as to the refusal of his demand of a Court Martial on Worth, contrary to the provisions of the law, which requires the President to order a Court Martial whenever demanded by a General or Colonel.—The resolution was objected to, and as it required a vote of two-thirds, it was not received, the vote being 107 yeas to 74 nays.

On Tuesday, after the morning business, three speeches of an hour's length each were delivered on the contested election—among them one by Mr. Boyden of this State, in favor of Mr. Monroe's right to the seat.

On Wednesday, the who'e sitting was occupied with the contested election, which was decided.—It was first agreed, 103 to 93, that Mr. Jackson, the sitting member, (Locofoco,) was not entitled to the seat. And then, 104 to 91, that Mr. Monroe, his Whig competitor, was likewise not entitled. A new election must therefore be held.

On Thursday, Mr. Palfrey rose to a privileged question. He wished to offer a resolution, setting forth the proceedings of the mob in the city of Washington, and moving the appointment of a select committee of five to report what action was necessary for the House to take to secure the members from personal threats and violence.

Objections were made, but finally withdrawn, and the resolution came regularly up for consideration.

Mr. Venable, of North Carolina, then addressed the House in denunciation of the abolitionists. He gave way several times to Mr. Haskell and others to interrogate Mr. Giddings, who in reply to one of the questions, admitted that he avowed the right of slaves to run off in an effort to regain freedom, but with this admission acknowledged the supremacy of the law in its relation to whites who abetted them. Mr. V. concluded by moving an amendment increasing the number of the committee to nine.

Mr. Toombs, of Georgia, next took the floor, and made a powerful and eloquent speech, denying that the House had any right to entertain a question of privilege.

Mr. Morse, of Louisiana, next spoke on the same side, and complimented the speech of Mr. Toombs warmly.

Some very severe declarations against Messrs. Giddings, Root, Tuck and Palfrey, generally, but against Mr Giddings particularly, were made by Messrs. Stephens, Haskell, Toombs and Venable. It was nearly, or quite charged by two or three of these gentlemen, that he had participated in the kidnapping of slaves and sending them off from this district, for which he deserved to be strung up! Several talked of expelling him. He declared that he had neither aided nor abetted in the escape of any slave. Were he to do so, he should expect to abide the rigor of the laws on the subject. He had visited the prison, and voluntarily offered to procure counsel and to stand by and see unharmed from mob violence, the white men imprisoned there on a charge of kidnapping the slaves taken off by the schooner Pearl, but he had done nothing to procure the escape of any slave in the District. [Mr. G. had visited the jail, but was admonished to retire speedily, which he did.]

Without coming to any definitive action, the House, on motion, adjourned.

On Friday, the subject was resumed, and Mr Stanton of Tenn. commenced a speech. This is the latest account we have as yet.

ARRIVAL OF THE PACKET SHIP DUCHESS OF ORLEANS.

Three Days Later from France.

Republic in Prussia—Imprisonment of the King and his Ministers—Flight of the Prince Royal—Lombardy revolutionized—Sardinia free—Poland aroused and Independence Proclaimed—Emperor of Russia marshalling his Army.

Correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot—By Telegraph.

NEW YORK, April 20—12 M.

The ferment in Europe is still increasing, and Republicanism is spreading, but with signs of opposition from the Autocrat of Russia.

A Republic has been declared in Prussia, and the King Frederick IV., and his Ministers, seized by the provisional government established, and cast into prison. The Prince has made good his escape.

The revolution at Lombardy was entirely successful, but has been accompanied by great bloodshed.

The King of Naples has yielded to the people all the reforms and the extension of their liberties that were demanded.

It is expected that, notwithstanding the concessions made by the Emperor of Austria, he will be compelled to abdicate, to make way for a republic.

The Emperor of Russia has issued a ukase ordering the army into the field, in which he gives, as a reason for so doing an "alliance with the United Powers to stop the flood of anarchy spreading throughout Europe."

Some disturbances have taken place at Lyons and Havre, but they were easily quelled. Everything progressing quietly in France.

The rumored Polish Revolution is fully confirmed by this arrival.

The excitement in Havre assumed the form of a contest between the rich and the poor, and the former were compelled to close their doors. The military were constantly on duty to prevent outbreaks. The impression was that the excitement was passing away.

The failures in Paris and other parts of France continued, and the incredible report was started that the Rothschilds had stopped; but no body believed it, and those here, best advised, say it is impossible that it can be true.

The Prince of Prussia (heir apparent) had gone to England, before his departure the people demanded that he should renounce all pretensions to the throne of Prussia.

The Polish prisoners confined in Berlin had been liberated.

Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was doing soldier's duty as a member of the National Guard, and had been standing sentinel at the Poste du Drapeau.

The movements in Poland had caused the greatest excitement among the Poles in Paris, and 400 of them had left there, armed and equipped to do soldier's duty in their native land.

Genoa had detached itself from Sardinia to establish an Italian unity, under a republican form of government.

The King of Bavaria had abdicated in favor of the Prince Royal, who had ascended the throne as Maximilion II.

The revolution in Milan was complete. The government was overcome by the people after a severe struggle.

The Emperor of Russia was represented to be much enraged at the turn affairs had taken in France; he regards such things as revolutions as contagious, and has determined to have nothing to do with them. To this end he has declared that he will not recognize the change of government in France.

By Telegraph.

ARRIVAL OF STEAMER SARAH SANDS.

Correspondence of Fayetteville Observer.

RICHMOND, April 21, 1848.

Sarah Sands from Liverpool, April 3d, arrived at New York at 2 P. M. to-day. Flour 27 to 28s. Wheat 7s to 8s 9d per 70 lbs. Lard 1 to 2s lower. Cotton, Boweds, 4¼ to 4¾; New Orleans 3¾ to 5¼d. Sales of the week 24,670 bales.

European war commenced in Sardinia. Austrian troops expelled. Poland in a state of insurrection. Russia about sending troops South—Likely to be opposed by Prussia. France marching an army North.

Money market: Consols 81 to 81¼, [a fall of 2 per cent.] Stocks dull on the Continent, owing to further failures. London grain and flour markets dull, owing to increased receipts and fine weather. No change in trade at Manchester. Leeds woollen market some better.

LATER.

The Steamer Acadia arrived at Boston yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and her news was received here at 11. We received the following Despatch during the day, dated

RICHMOND, April 24, 1848.

General consternation continues on the European Continent. Insurrection in Lombardy confirmed. Sardinian King, heading thirty thousand troops, warring against the Austrians. Austrians fled, defeated at all points. Italian Dutchies all in open insurrection. General Radelski, afraid to enter Mantua, compelled to capitulate. Savoy declared a Republic. In Baden, Wurtemburg, Saxony and Hanover, the people have triumphed. Russia is sending armies to the surrounding nations to oppose Republicanism. France is tranquil—Republicanism progressing. The Chartists are defying the English government, and determined to hold meetings. Ireland is boisterous, and demanding a Republic.

By a later Despatch, we learn that there is a considerable depression in all Foreign markets. Cotton and Grain had declined at Liverpool. Sales of Cotton for the week ending 8th inst., 20,700 bales. Old stock on hand 325,000 bales, —178,000 of which are American. The markets at Manchester were dreadfully depressed.

A fire occurred in Patterson's Stores in Philadelphia on Tuesday night last, which destroyed 561 hhds. Sugar, 400 bales of Cotton, a large amount of wine, &c.

WANTED.—A first rate Saddle hand. A young man of strict temperate habits would meet with a good situation by the year, and liberal wages, by applying soon to the subscriber

GEO. W. McDONALD.

April 24. 12-3w

NEWTON GROVE, Sampson Co., N. C., April 13, 1848.

MR. HALE—*Dear Sir:* We are at length favored with what we have long desired—a Post Office. Here, a scope of country as large or larger than the whole State of Rhode Island has been destitute of any Post Office for more than ten months. Upon the suspension of the office at Cox's Store, some subscribers to the Observer, also several to other papers, discontinued their papers on account of the great inconvenience of getting them. others of us, determined not to be deprived of a blessing so great, and be cut off from all communication with the world, formed a *club* to go to Clinton alternately every Wednesday after the "*Mail*."—This *private mail route* continued with the greatest regularity, not one failure being reported, (which is more than can be said of most of the *public* routes) until the arrival, two weeks ago, of *the mail boy*—as great a curiosity in "*these diggens*" as the *elephant*. Meantime, we were using our endeavors, by humble petition, to have a new route established. After one refusal, and being made sick with "*Hope* deferred," our petition was granted.

This route is one of great convenience,—leaves Clinton on Thursday morning, thence by Piney Grove, Monk's Store, Newton Grove, Draughon's Store, Wood's Cross Roads, Hawley's Store, Beman's Cross Roads and back to Clinton on Friday evening; Newton Grove takes the place of Cox's Store. This new route, with so many new offices, presents the greatest facility to all in this section of country for taking papers. It has already added several new names to your subscription list, and we hope will add many more. Surely no one who is able to read one will be without that great medium of general knowledge—*a newspaper*—when they are so easily obtained and at so trifling an expense. Yours truly,

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MARRIED,

At Barclaysville, in this County, on Sunday morning the 16th instant, Mr. CHRISTOPHER C. BARBEE to Miss KEZIAH S. BARCLAY, daughter of Mrs. Barclay of that place.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 4th inst., in Christ Church, New Orleans, by the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., LOTHROP L. SMITH to MARGARET I. MALLETT, daughter of the late Peter J. Mallett of Fayetteville N. C.

On the 6th inst., at Lafourche, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk, Capt. WM. J. CLARKE, U. S. A., to Miss MARY BAYARD, daughter of Thos. P. Devereux, Esq., all of North Carolina.

In Columbus County, on the 13th inst., Mr. WILLIAM QUINCY MAULTSBY, to Miss PENELOPE BALDWIN, daughter of Mr. David Baldwin.

In Duplin County, on the 11th inst., Mr. ROBERT C. JOHNSON, to Miss MARY E. WARD, daughter of Mr. Alfred Ward.

In Asheborough, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Carruthers, JOHN McNEILL, Esq. of Cumberland, to Miss ROXANA WORTH, daughter of J. Worth, Esq.

May some kind spirit round them glide,
And ever o'er their life preside;
May Fancy's bright ideal be,
An earnest of reality. [*Com.*

DIED,

In Moore County, on the 12th inst. Mr. ALEXANDER NICHOLSON, aged about 55 years.

Also, on the 10th inst. Mr. ALLEN McLEOD, aged about 65 years.

Of consumption, in Anson County, on the 5th ultimo, Mrs. LUCY W., wife of Hezekiah Billingsly, in the 26th year of her age, leaving an infant, nine days old.

In Wilmington, on the 3d inst, Mr. JAMES M. THOMPSON, aged 28.

At Grand Rapids, Michigan, lately, of consumption, Mr JOHN P. CALDER, formerly of Wilmington, N. C.

In Hillsborough, on the 11th inst., after a lingering illness of many months, Mr. SAMUEL HANCOCK, aged about 64 years.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

ARRIVALS.

April 18—Steamer Henrietta, with goods for W. Prior, Cook & Powell, D & W McLaurin, J Brooksbank, J H Hall, J M Rose, Hall, Sackett & Co, Fredericksburg & Brothers, A J Brambert, W McIntyre, B Rose & Son, H Beaman, A A Mez Ketchan, of this place; and for H A London, J F Chambers, Shelly & Field, Murphy & McCubbins, J Long, D Purtin, J Spencer, A Parker, J T Pope & Co, J H & T J Sanders, H & L Smaw, of the interior—with 56 passengers.

April 19.—Steamer Gov. Graham, with Goods for A & D W Honeycutt, C B Mallett, J H Pool, L C Hanes, W & A Stith, J C Dobbin, J & R Sloan, E Belo, E W Wilkings, J Brooksbank, G W Rivun, Hall & Hall, O Bledsoe, M Autrey, D L Williams, R J Morriss, C Monroe, W L McGary, W J Pharriss, Washington Muring Co., and J Davis.

April 19.—Steamer W. B. Meares, with Goods for J & T Waddill, H & E J Lilly, L McKellar, J D Williams, H L Myrover & &o, P P Johnson, E J Hale, Campbell & McMillan, J C Thomson, and G & H McMillan, of this place; and for R W Glenn, Halcomb & Watson, F Friese, L J Horton, Rankin & McLean, J & R Lindsey, T C Pfohl, Worth & Stanly, Hon N Boyden, A S Porter, G Womack, P McEachin, J McInnis, Dr J J Davis, Rowan Factory, D Murphy, J Beasley, Sultzbacker, and J Newlin, of the interior.

April 21—Steamer Rowan, with goods for J & T Waddill, W Draughon, C Lotterlish, H L Myrover & Co, F D Breece, E W Willkings, Jno D Williams, of this place; and E Lewis, J & E Lassiter, W L Hall, J McInnis, Worth & Sanders, P McEachin, Cedar Falls Co, McRorie & Bailey, M L & R J Holmes, Scott & McAdoo, G W & C Grimme, J & R Lindsay, G Womack, Dr J Z Davis, of the interior.

22—Steamer Henrietta, with boat Nelson in tow, with goods for Cook & Powell, J M Beasley, J Brooksbank, R W King, N King, A McLauchlin, C B Mallett, Ray & Pearce, B Rose & Son, D McDuffie, A A McKethan, Hall & Hall, D A Ray, Rockfish Co, W McIntyre, J H & J Martine, A C Simpson, S W Tillinghast & Co, Daniel Johnson, of this place; and H A London, Cane Creek Co, T Caldwell & Son, G R Griffith

WILLIAM H. MEAD,
Grocer and Commission Merchant,
RALEIGH, N. C.
Liberal Cash advances made on Consignments.

D. CASHWELL,
General Agent and Commission Merchant,
Will receive Liberal Cash advances on all Consignments of Timber, Lumber, Naval Stores, &c.
Wilmington, N. C., Sept 20, 1847. 81-tf

J. WILKINSON & CO.,
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Soaps, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
Market Street, Wilmington N. C.
☞ Orders thankfully received and punctually attended to.
June 11, 1847. 67-tf

KRIDER & MALLETT,
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 27 Old Slip,
Corner of Front st. (up stairs.)
Particular attention paid to the sale of Produce, and liberal advances made on consignments.
W. R. KRIDER,
P. MALLETT,
NEW YORK.
REFERENCES:
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Eggleston, Bossart & Hosted,
J. G. Dudley & Co.
Stanton, Barnes & Co. [1-3m

DAVIDSON, SANDERS & CO.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF
DRY GOODS,
No. 219 Market street,
BALTIMORE.
KEEP constantly on hand a large assortment of Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS, and are prepared to receive Orders with despatch on the most favorable terms.
March 1, 1848. 5-3m

Are you Insured!
THE Subscriber having been appointed Agent for the ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford, Connecticut, takes pleasure in issuing Policies of Insurance on Buildings or Goods either in this Town or in any part of the State, on the most favorable terms. Application may be made to the Subscriber at his Office, or to the Agent at Wilmington.
The ETNA COMPANY has been operating for more than five years. Its capital is **$250,000.** The Hon. Thomas K. Brown was its first President, and he still retains that office, and several of the Directors of the Board. It has at all times sustained the highest character for promptness with which it has ever adjusted its losses.
E. J. HALE, Agent.
Raleigh, Dec. 1, 1846.

NAUTILUS MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Agents of this Company, besides the usual business of effecting Insurances, are prepared to grant Annuities, Endowments, &c., on the most favorable terms.
E. L. & W. WINSLOW, Agents.
Fayetteville, Oct. 15, 1848. 9-tf

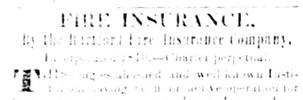
PROTECTION INSURANCE CO.
FIRE AND MARINE
Hartford, State of Connecticut.
D. W. CLARK, Pres't.—WM. CONNER, Sec'y.
Rates and terms as favorable as any other Company.
APPLICATIONS for Risks may be made to E. L. & W. WINSLOW, Agents of the Company, Fayetteville, N. C.
Aug. 2, 1848. 93tf

FIRE INSURANCE.
By the Hartford Fire Insurance Company,
Incorporated in 1810—Charter perpetual.
THIS long established and well known Institution having in full active operation for the last thirty-seven years, continues to insure Dwelling Houses, Merchandize, Manufactories, Ships and other Vessels in Port, and their Cargoes, on liberal terms.
ELIPHALET TERRY, Pres't.
JAMES G. BOLLES, Sec'y.
STARK & PEARCE, Agents.
Fayetteville, July 7, 1846. 1tf

LESSONS IN MUSIC.
E. WHITTAKER would respectfully announce to the citizens of Fayetteville and vicinity, that he is about to remain in this place, and would solicit a continuance of a share of the Patronage heretofore bestowed on Young Ladies at their residences or his own.
A satisfactory reference given in Virginia and State.
Terms moderate, and conducted in the most liberal manner.
Fayetteville, Oct. 12, 1848. 2tf

LIBERTY POINT HOTEL.
CHARLESTON, S. C.
THE SUBSCRIBER having leased the House for many years, and refitted the same throughout, is now prepared to accommodate Travellers and Boarders. The Liberty Point Hotel is now open for the reception of Visitors and Travellers. Its rooms are large and airy, and for the best have which the market affords, and his Bar Room with the choicest liquors, is always well stocked, every exertion will be used to render his patrons comfortable. Particular attention will be paid to Horses of those who may call with them.
From his determination to please, he hopes to receive a liberal share of public patronage.
THOS. H. MASSEY.
Charleston, Dec. 14, 1848. 3-tf

$15 REWARD.
RAN AWAY on the 3d inst., my negro boy JACOB GRICE, between 24 and 25 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 9 inches high, yellow complexion, very smiling countenance, short and heavy set.
It is presumed that he is lurking about Fayetteville. The above reward will be paid for his security to me, or his commitment to any Jail so that I can get him again.
All persons are forewarned against harboring said boy, as the penalty of the law will be enforced against any person so offending.
NEILL McPHAUL.
Campbellton P. O., Richmond County, N. C.
Dec. 7, 1847. 90tf



Daguerreotype Miniatures.
W. R. BRYAN having been professionally engaged in the Northern Cities, has returned again to this place and will be happy to wait on all who may favor him with a call. He deems it unnecessary to enter into a long detail of his approved plan of operating, confidently relying on his specimens as the best criterion of his ability.
Mr. B. returns to the public his sincere thanks for the liberal patronage heretofore received.
Particular attention will be given to all those who may wish to engage in this beautiful art. Instructions, with all the latest improvements, apparatus and stock furnished on reasonable terms.
For further information inquire at his Room, 1 door West of Boggs's Hotel.
☞ The most approved Daguerreotype Apparatus, improved German Cameras, French and American Instruments of the best quality, with cases, glasses, chemicals, polishing materials, &c., &c. constantly on hand and for sale at the lowest prices for cash at the Daguerreotype Rooms of
J. L. BRYAN
Fayetteville, Dec. 12, 1848. 6tf

NEW GOODS.
JUST RECEIVED, a general assortment of **Dry Goods and Groceries,** consisting of
Black Cloths, black and fancy Cassimeres,
Sattinets, Kentucky Jeans, Tweeds, Kerseys,
Plaid Vestings, fig'd do, black Satin do,
Furniture Prints, fancy do,
Muslin-de-Laines, Printed Cashmeres,
Britannia Plaid, 6-4 Woollen Plaid, Irish Linen,
Bleached Shirting, *fine* unbleached do,
Brown and Black Holland, Apron Checks,
Merrimack Stripes, Caroline do, Crash,
Red Flannel, white do, Bed Ticking,
Corded Skirts, black and col'd Silesia,
Twilled Blankets, 7-4 Straddle Shawls,
8-4 Muslin de-Lain do, 8-4 Plaid do, Waffle do,
Woollen Hoods, Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs,
Gent's Silk do, Cotton do, Merino Shirts,
Gum Suspenders, white Cotton Hose, slate col'd do, *black spun Silk do,*
Coats' white and col'd Spool Cotton, Marshall's white and black fine Flax Thread,
Fine white Barring Cotton, figd Satin Coat and Vest Buttons, Bone Suspender do,
Artificial Flowers, some very fine, Silver Wreaths and Bouquets, Bonnet Ribbons, black Silk Mitts, Silk and Worsted do.
—ALSO—
Fine Hyson Tea, Black do, Crushed Sugar, Brown do, Rio and Laguira Coffee, Pepper, Spice and Ginger, Rose's Soap, Starch, &c.
MALLETT & HUSKE.
Opposite J. Huske & Son, Green st
Dec. 20, 1847. 94tf

NEW GOODS.
THE Subscribers are now receiving and have in Store, their Fall and Winter Stock of
GROCERIES,
Among which are—
1000 sacks Liverpool SALT,
100 bags Rio, Laguira and Java Coffee,
20 hhds St Croix, P. R., and N. O. Sugars,
100 kegs Nails,
50 kegs Dupont's and Hazard Powder,
8 tons Swedes Iron,
Foreign and Wrapping Paper,
50 kegs White Lead, in Oil,
20 boxes No 1 and Pearce Soap,
25 bags Walnut, Walnut Mapes, and Oak Chairs,
To bbls and boxes Loaf, Crushed and Powdered Sugar,
100 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 gallon Demijohns,
50 sides Sole Leather,
20 boxes Window Glass and Cotton & Wool Cards,
100 pairs Brass Candlesticks,
100 dozen Cotton Candles,
12 bags Pepper, Spice, and Ginger.
—ALSO—
Brooms, Buckets, Pails, Coppers, Patty, Scotch Snuff, Blue and Black Ink, Chamber do, Mayo Nutmegs, Cloves, Mustard, Brimes, Cream Tartar, Soda, Saleratus, Starch, Madder, Indigo, Copperas, Alum, Glue, Allspice, Cassia, Epsom Salts, Sugar of Lead, Chamber Lye, Corn Brooms, Bacon Scrapers, Whiskey, Linseed Oil, Old Port Wine, Rum, Bagging and Rope.
The above Goods having been purchased for Cash, will be sold on the most favorable terms for Cash, at the lowest cash prices.
☞ W. PHILLIPS-HASTY & CO.,
No. 4 Granite Buildings.
Oct 11, 1847. 84tf

COME AND TAKE A LOOK.
THE Subscriber has now on hand a large and exciting Tooth Brush for Sale, a well selected assortment of Groceries and Confectionaries, which will be sold low. In part as follows:
Gold pens, silver pens, pencils and penholders, sponges, fine pocket knives, scissors, razors, razor strops, shell combs, cake baskets, fine combs, tooth and hair brushes, egg beaters, pocket books, pencils, watch guards, coral and pocket pins and rings, needles, corking pins, hooks and eyes, dressing combs, fine tooth combs, curling combs, fine tooth combs, dressing combs, fine tooth combs, dressing combs, fine tooth combs, dressing